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Subject: RE: Gov letter opposing solar tariff

Thx – I got call from Nevada too. It is still open. Let us know thx.

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Thank you.

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CO just called me. There is still an option to sign on to the letter with NV, CO, and MA against the solar tariff, but we'd need to let them know shortly. It looks like VA will sign as well. Letter attached. Background info below. Are we still considering this?

Jeremy

CO, NV, and MA drafted the attached letter for Governors to sign in opposition of a petition at the US International Trade Commission seeking to put a tariff on imported solar panels. Sec Regan and I recommend that Gov sign the letter.

Duke Energy, NC Sustainable Energy Assoc., and NC Clean Energy Business Alliance oppose the petition for solar tariffs and have voiced their opposition in various federal forums (e.g., White House, Commission, and Congress).

Here's the problem with the proposed import tariff. When the cost of solar panels and components increases because of the tariff, the cost of solar projects increases. That will make solar less cost effective compared with natural gas plants, though solar costs are on par with if not below gas plants today. In addition, Duke Energy doesn't pay more for solar generation than avoided costs (aka the cost of gas generation). So if the cost of building/generating solar goes up but avoided costs stays low, then solar projects become uneconomic for developers. Loss of new solar projects would decimate the solar industry in NC and lead to thousands of lost clean energy jobs (SEIA estimates 4700 lost jobs in NC). Green Tech Media estimates that the tariffs would lead to a 50-66% reduction in solar demand in the next five years.

The attached fact sheet and Duke Energy letter to the Commission explain the negative consequences further.

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